

I strongly object to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an insidious anti-Kerry documentary just before the election.

According to the new campaign finance laws, the minimum that Sinclair must do to avoid prosecution is to give equal time to the Kerry campaign by showing "Going Upriver" or some other pro-Kerry programs. Having a non-partisan "panel discussion" is not enough to equal out the devastating effects that airing such a negative, distorted account will have on the electorate. You can't make something into "news" by simply calling it "news" unless you live in a totalitarian state.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. And they do not get to define what the public interest is; the people define it through laws and the courts. But when large companies control the airwaves, the public is held hostage to corporate interests, and we have no recourse for effectively countering the biased representations of corporate America.

It is unconscionable in a free democracy that so many media outlets would be owned by a single

entity of any kind.

Anyone can see that vesting any single entity--government or private--with unaccountable control over information will result in the ruination of our democracy. Don't let that happen to us.

Thank you.